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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the Amendment of 10/25/10.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-22, 27-28 (respectively renumbered as claims 1-7).
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
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  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
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6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/Andy S. Rao/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2486

**Allowable Subject Matter**

1. Claims 18-22, 27-28 are allowed.

Independent claims 18 and 27 are directed towards an arrangement and a method for tail threading in a web-forming machine and further includes, for the arrangement, "...a second production section of the plurality of sequential production sections following in sequence the first production section, the second production section having a start, and a threading device arranged to thread a tail through the second production section, which threading device having a first draw point at the start of the second production section; a transfer device arranged to transfer a threading tail from the first production section to the threading device of the second production section; wherein the second production section has an end which defines a holding point, to which the extends; control equipment arranged in controlling connection cutting device, the transfer device, and the threading device..." which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. Dependent claims 19-22, and 28 are allowed.

**Conclusion**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Bank-Harold can be reached on 571-272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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